

19. (New) The router of claim 14 wherein a given flow associated with said packets is given a minimum bandwidth guarantee by said traffic management circuit, thereby guaranteeing that at least some ATM cells associated with said given flow is passed onto said switch irrespective of traffic condition through said third circuit.

20. (New) The router of claim 13 further including circuitry for attaching a packet header to each of said ATM packets, thereby rendering said each of said ATM packets substantially packet-like for switching by said switch.

21. (New) The router of claim 20 further including circuitry for ascertaining destination information pertaining to a destination associated with a given one of said ATM packets and circuitry for providing said destination information to a header of a corresponding ATM cell-containing packet that contains data originally included in said given one of said ATM packets.

REMARKS

In view of the amendments set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and action to that effect is respectfully requested at an early date. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (650) 961-8300.

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